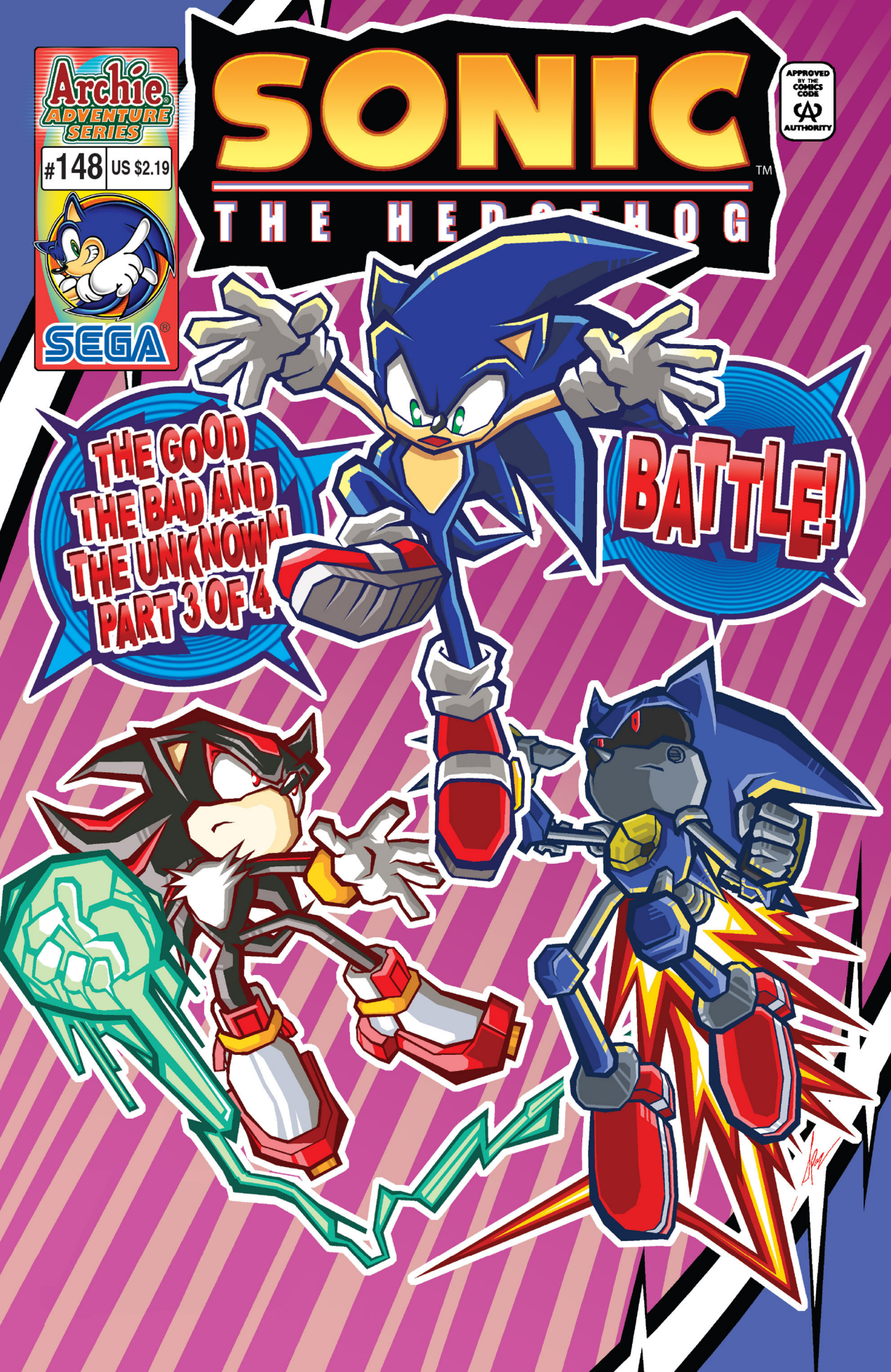
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NOW. THE ROYAL THRONE ROOM.
YOUR HIGHNESS! PRINCESS SALLY!
WHAT IS IT, DYLAN?
HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM ROTOR OR THE OTHERS?
THAT'S JUST IT--
--WE LOST ALL CONNECTION ALMOST AN HOUR AGO!
THE LAST WORDS WE RECORDED BEFORE LOSING TRANSMISSION WERE SONIC SAYING--
"NEVER TELL ME THE ODDS!"
DYLAN, I NEED YOU TO BRING SONIC'S FATHER, JULES, TO THE ROYAL COURT IMMEDIATELY!
ANY-THING ELSE, PRINCESS SALLY?
"I GUESS PRAYING WOULDN'T HURT EITHER!?!"
WHAT A PICKLE, TOMMY!
SONIC'S IN TROUBLE--
--BUT SO ARE ROTOR, FIONA, AND BUNNIE--
--AND IT'S HARD TO SAY WHO'S WORSE OFF!
YOU STAY HERE KEEPING EVERYTHING TOGETHER, MILES--

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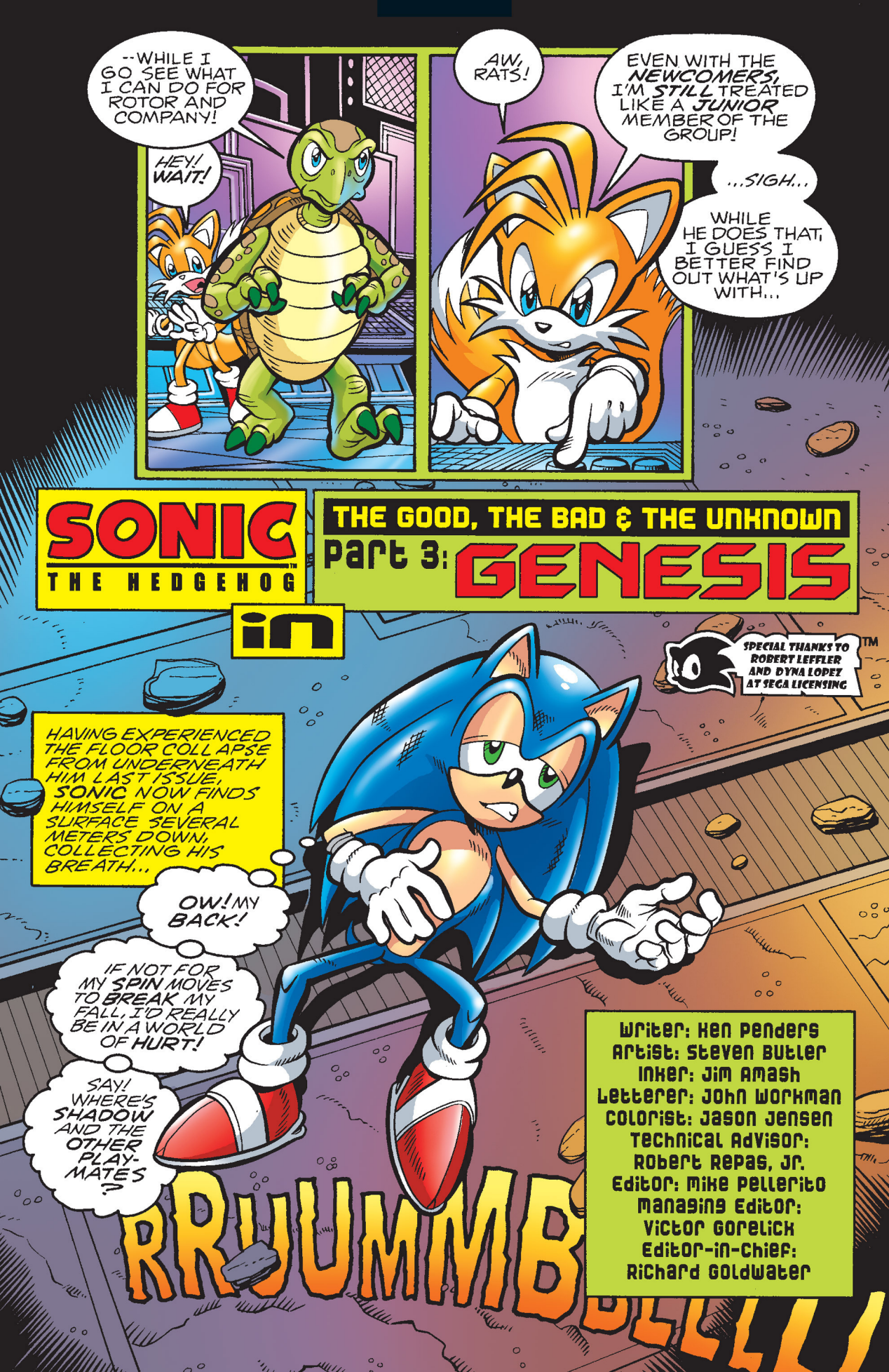
--WHILE I GO SEE WHAT I CAN DO FOR ROTOR AND COMPANY!
HEY! WAIT!
AW, RATS!
EVEN WITH THE NEWCOMERS, I'M STILL TREATED LIKE A JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE GROUP!
...SIGH...
WHILE HE DOES THAT, I GUESS I BETTER FIND OUT WHAT'S UP WITH...
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Part 3: GENESIS
SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT LEFFLER AND DYNA LOPEZ AT SEGA LICENSING
HAVING EXPERIENCED THE FLOOR COLLAPSE FROM UNDERNEATH HIM LAST ISSUE, SONIC NOW FINDS HIMSELF ON A SURFACE SEVERAL METERS DOWN, COLLECTING HIS BREATH...
OW! MY BACK!
IF NOT FOR MY SPIN MOVES TO BREAK MY FALL, I'D REALLY BE IN A WORLD OF HURT!
SAY! WHERE'S SHADOW AND THE OTHER PLAY-MATES?
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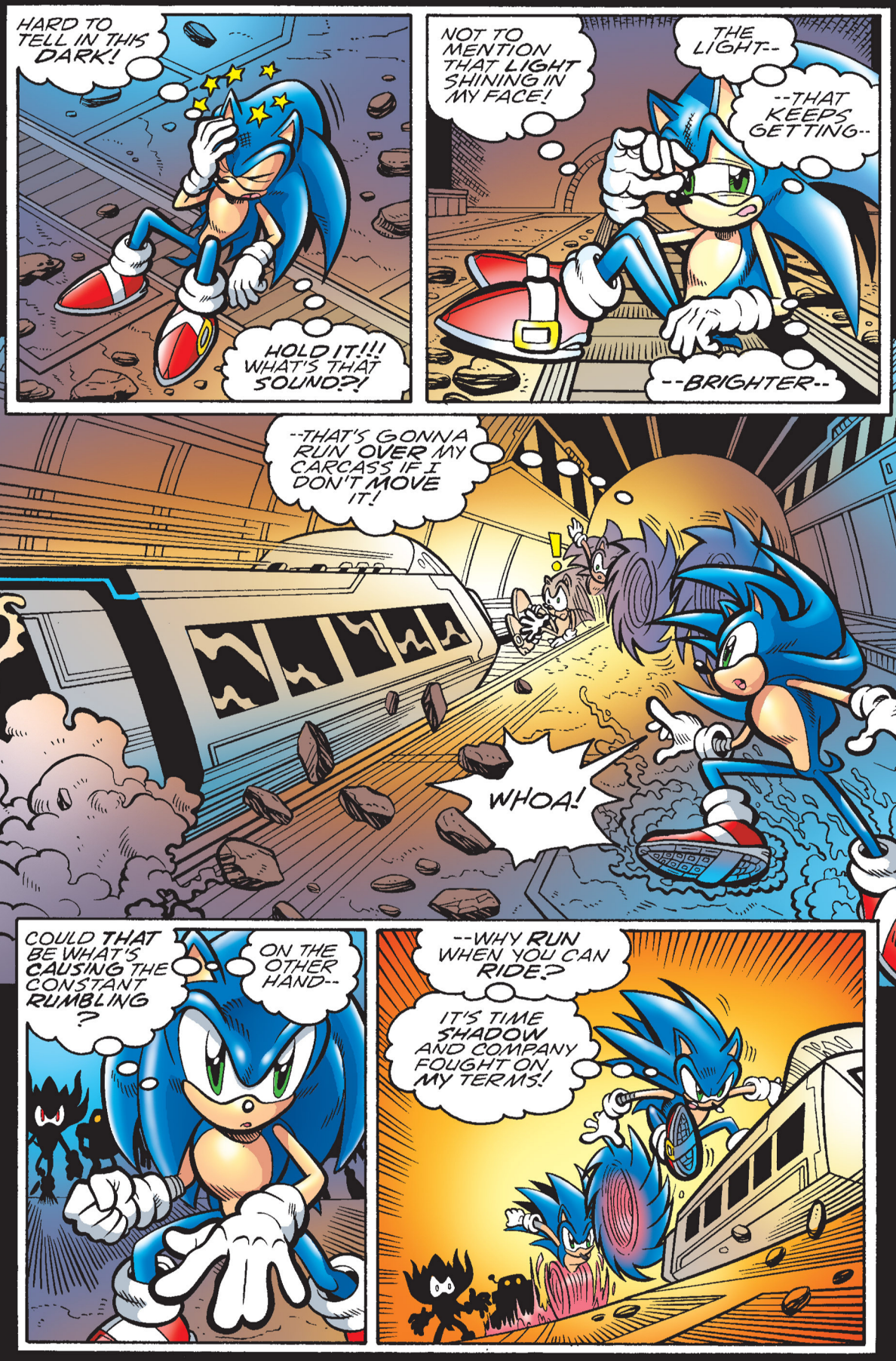
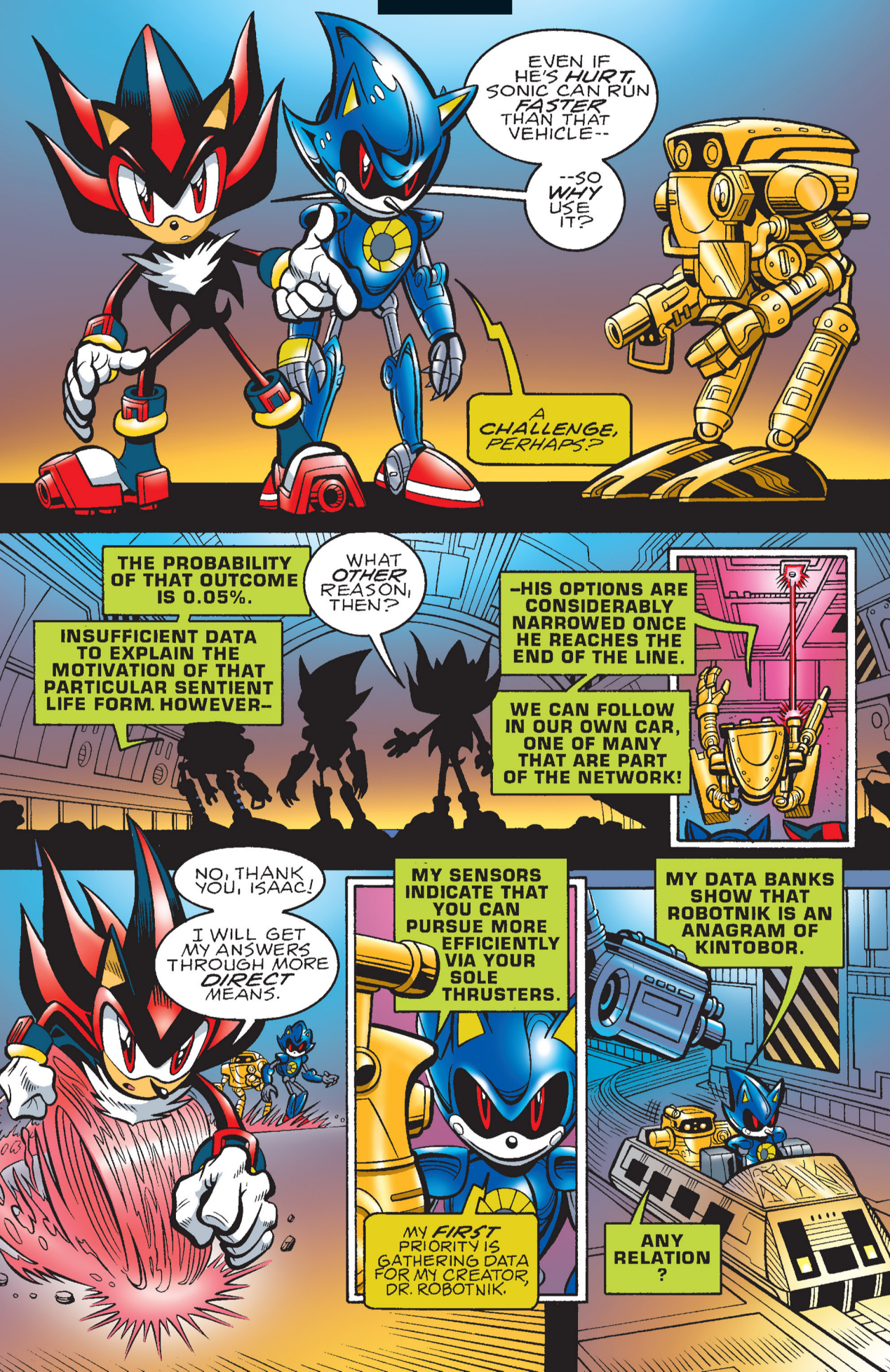
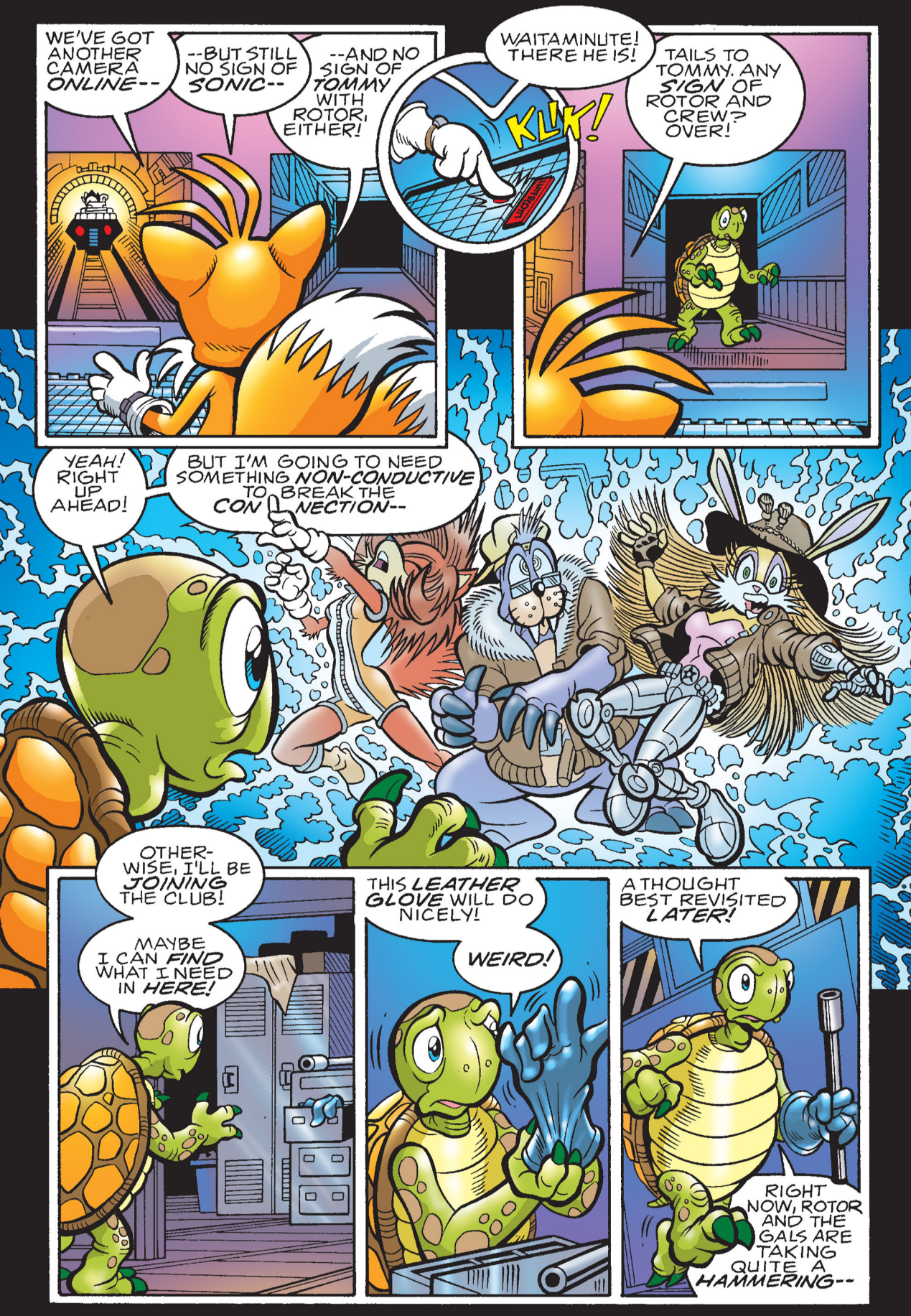
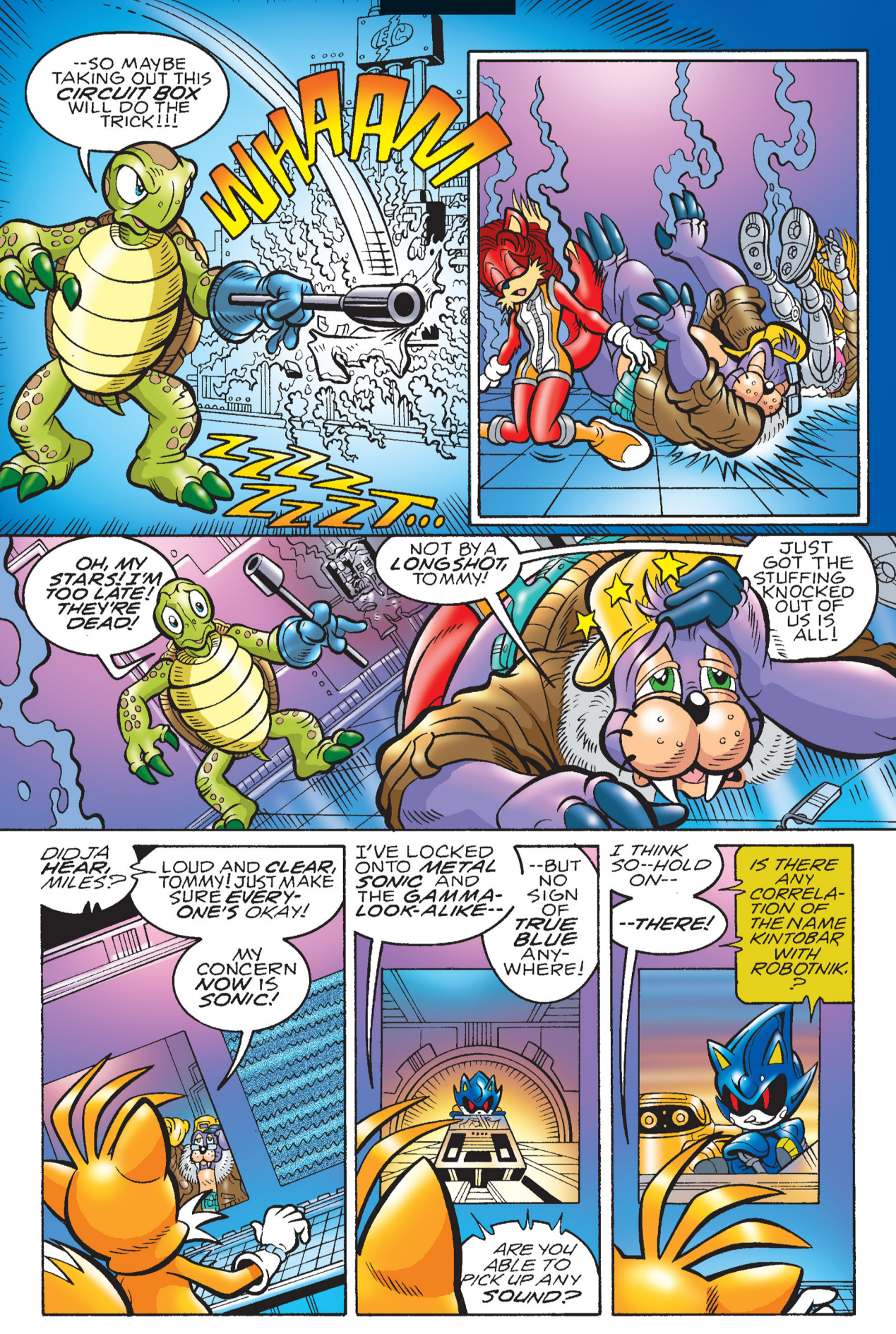
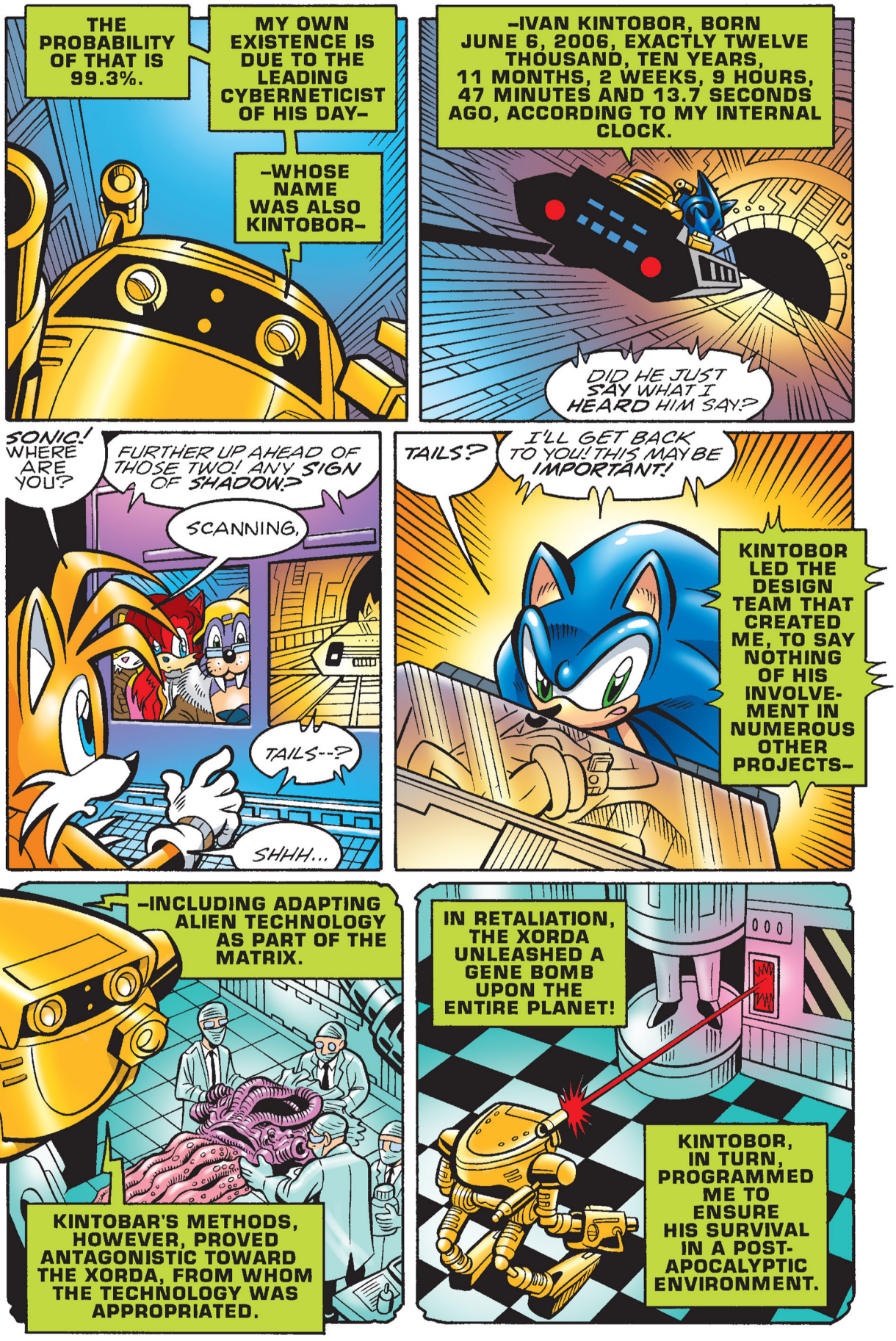
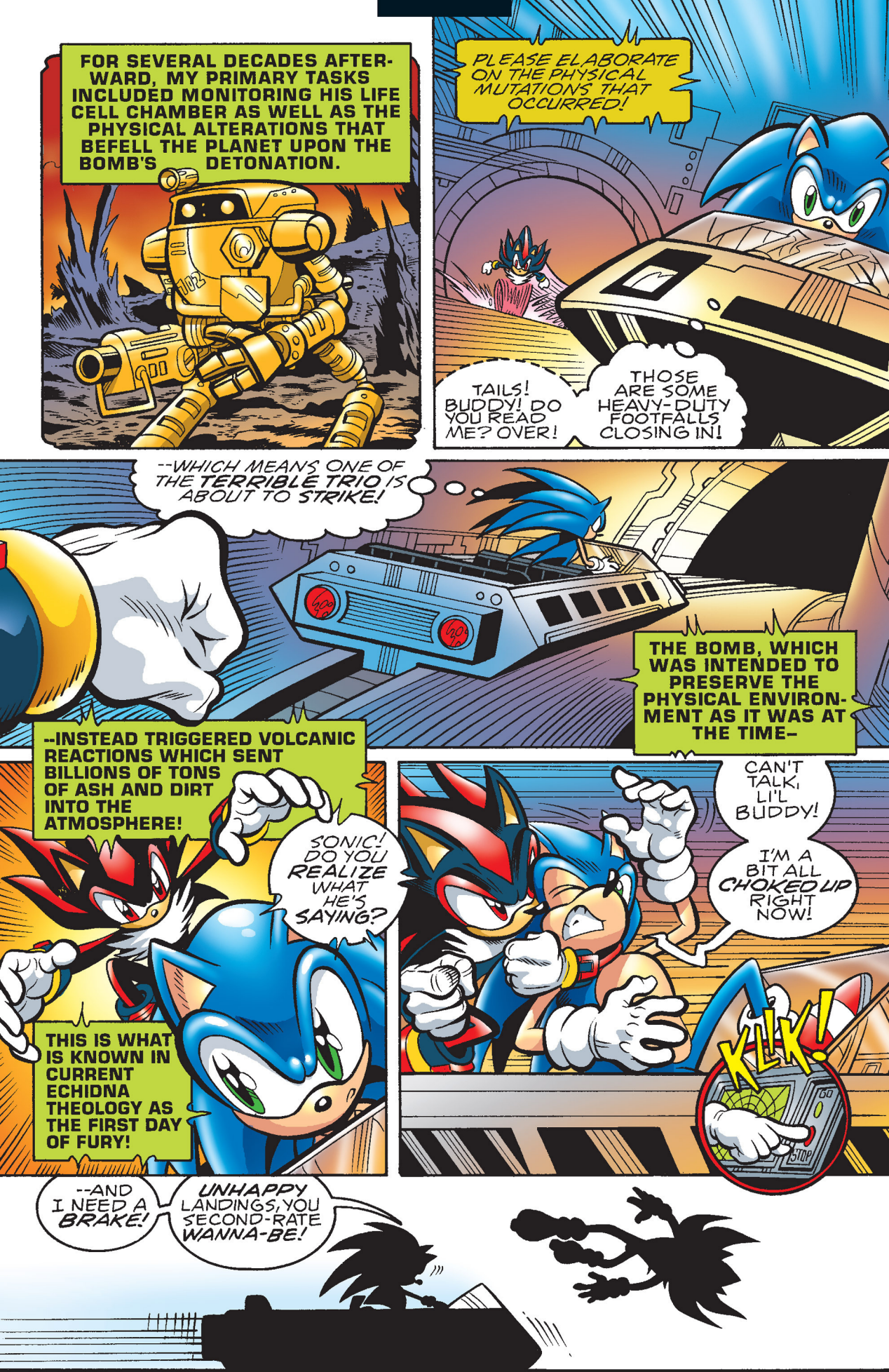

HARD TO TELL IN THIS DARK!
HOLD IT!!! WHAT'S THAT SOUND?!
NOT TO MENTION THAT LIGHT SHINING IN MY FACE!
THE LIGHT--
--THAT KEEPS GETTING--
--BRIGHTER--
--THAT'S GONNA RUN OVER MY CARCASS IF I DON'T MOVE IT!
!
WHOA!
COULD THAT BE WHAT'S CAUSING THE CONSTANT RUMBLING ?
ON THE OTHER HAND--
--WHY RUN WHEN YOU CAN RIDE?
IT'S TIME SHADOW AND COMPANY FOUGHT ON MY TERMS!

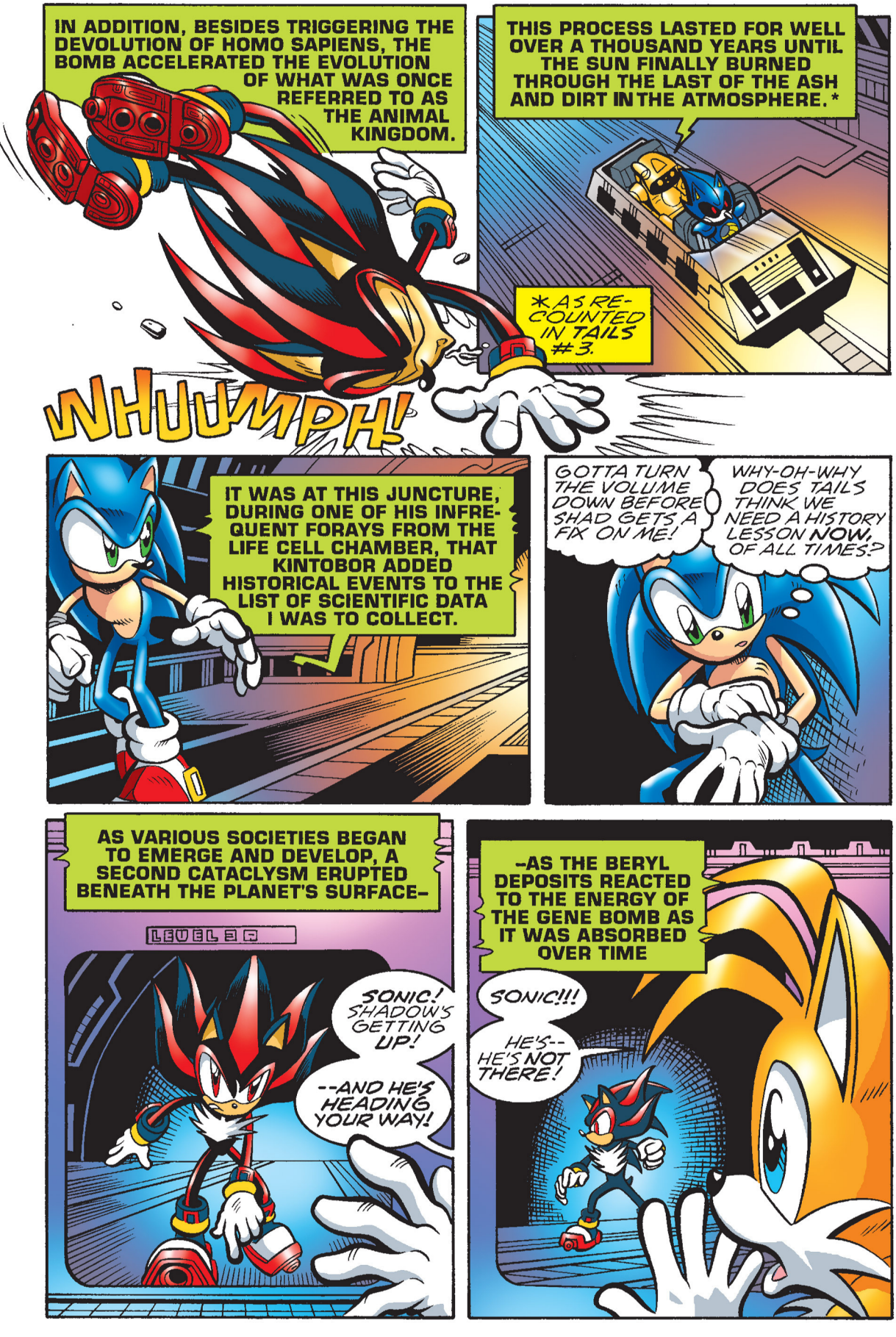

EVEN IF HE'S HURT, SONIC CAN RUN FASTER THAN THAT VEHICLE--
--SO WHY USE IT?
A CHALLENGE, PERHAPS?
THE PROBABILITY OF THAT OUTCOME IS 0.05%.
INSUFFICIENT DATA TO EXPLAIN THE MOTIVATION OF THAT PARTICULAR SENTIENT LIFE FORM. HOWEVER--
WHAT OTHER REASON, THEN?
-HIS OPTIONS ARE CONSIDERABLY NARROWED ONCE HE REACHES THE END OF THE LINE.
WE CAN FOLLOW IN OUR OWN CAR, ONE OF MANY THAT ARE PART OF THE NETWORK!
NO, THANK YOU, ISAAC!
I WILL GET MY ANSWERS THROUGH MORE DIRECT MEANS.
MY SENSORS INDICATE THAT YOU CAN PURSUE MORE EFFICIENTLY VIA YOUR SOLE THRUSTERS.
MY FIRST PRIORITY IS GATHERING DATA FOR MY CREATOR, DR. ROBOTNIK.
MY DATA BANKS SHOW THAT ROBOTNIK IS AN ANAGRAM OF KINTOBOR.
ANY RELATION ?

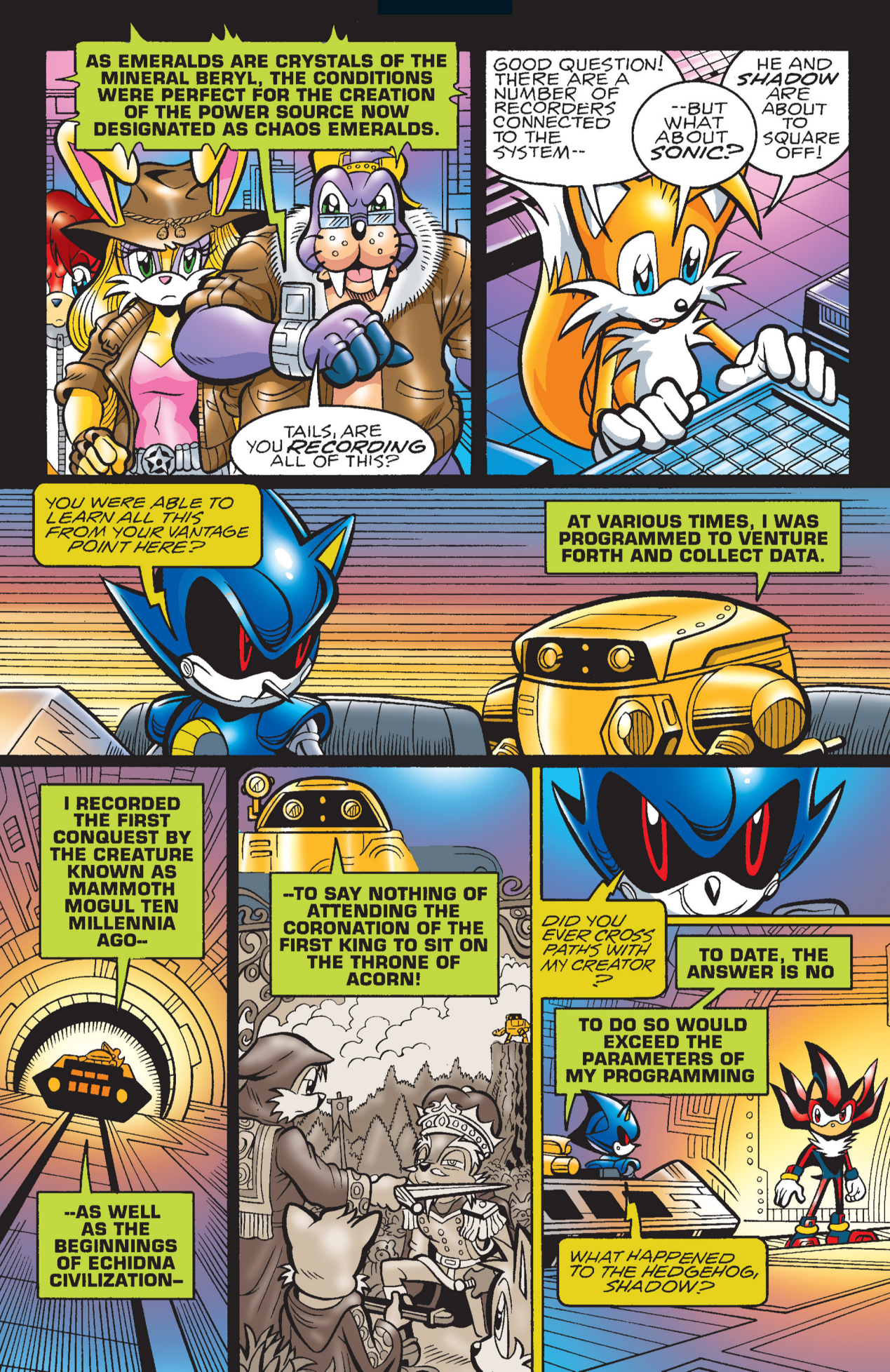

WE'VE GOT ANOTHER CAMERA ONLINE--
--BUT STILL NO SIGN OF SONIC--
--AND NO SIGN OF TOMMY WITH ROTOR, EITHER!
WAITAMINUTE! THERE HE IS!
KLIK!
TAILS TO TOMMY. ANY SIGN OF ROTOR AND CREW? OVER!
YEAH! RIGHT UP AHEAD!
BUT I'M GOING TO NEED SOMETHING NON-CONDUCTIVE TO BREAK THE CON NECTION--
OTHER-WISE, I'LL BE JOINING THE CLUB!
MAYBE I CAN FIND WHAT I NEED IN HERE!
THIS LEATHER GLOVE WILL DO NICELY!
WEIRD!
A THOUGHT BEST REVISITED LATER!
RIGHT NOW, ROTOR AND THE GALS ARE TAKING QUITE A HAMMERING--


--SO MAYBE TAKING OUT THIS CIRCUIT BOX WILL DO THE TRICK!!!
WHAAM
ZZZZZZT...
OH, MY STARS! I'M TOO LATE! THEY'RE DEAD!
NOT BY A LONGSHOT, TOMMY!
JUST GOT THE STUFFING KNOCKED OUT OF US IS ALL!
DIDJA HEAR, MILES?
LOUD AND CLEAR, TOMMY! JUST MAKE SURE EVERY-ONE'S OKAY!
MY CONCERN NOW IS SONIC!
I'VE LOCKED ONTO METAL SONIC AND THE GAMMA-LOOK-ALIKE--
--BUT NO SIGN OF TRUE BLUE ANY-WHERE!
ARE YOU ABLE TO PICK UP ANY SOUND?
I THINK SO--HOLD ON--
--THERE!
IS THERE ANY CORRELA-TION OF THE NAME KINTOBAR WITH ROBOTNIK.?


THE PROBABILITY OF THAT IS 99.3%.
MY OWN EXISTENCE IS DUE TO THE LEADING CYBERNETICIST OF HIS DAY–
–WHOSE NAME WAS ALSO KINTOBOR–
–IVAN KINTOBOR, BORN JUNE 6, 2006, EXACTLY TWELVE THOUSAND, TEN YEARS, 11 MONTHS, 2 WEEKS, 9 HOURS, 47 MINUTES AND 13.7 SECONDS AGO, ACCORDING TO MY INTERNAL CLOCK.
DID HE JUST SAY WHAT I HEARD HIM SAY?
SONIC! WHERE ARE YOU?
FURTHER UP AHEAD OF THOSE TWO! ANY SIGN OF SHADOW?
SCANNING.
TAILS--?
SHHH...
TAILS?
I'LL GET BACK TO YOU! THIS MAY BE IMPORTANT!
KINTOBOR LED THE DESIGN TEAM THAT CREATED ME, TO SAY NOTHING OF HIS INVOLVE-MENT IN NUMEROUS OTHER PROJECTS–
–INCLUDING ADAPTING ALIEN TECHNOLOGY AS PART OF THE MATRIX.
KINTOBAR'S METHODS, HOWEVER, PROVED ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD THE XORDA, FROM WHOM THE TECHNOLOGY WAS APPROPRIATED.
IN RETALIATION, THE XORDA UNLEASHED A GENE BOMB UPON THE ENTIRE PLANET!
KINTOBOR, IN TURN, PROGRAMMED ME TO ENSURE HIS SURVIVAL IN A POST-APOCALYPTIC ENVIRONMENT.


FOR SEVERAL DECADES AFTERWARD, MY PRIMARY TASKS INCLUDED MONITORING HIS LIFE CELL CHAMBER AS WELL AS THE PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS THAT BEFELL THE PLANET UPON THE BOMB'S DETONATION.
PLEASE ELABORATE ON THE PHYSICAL MUTATIONS THAT OCCURRED!
TAILS! BUDDY! DO YOU READ ME? OVER!
THOSE ARE SOME HEAVY-DUTY FOOTFALLS CLOSING IN!
--WHICH MEANS ONE OF THE TERRIBLE TRIO IS ABOUT TO STRIKE!
THE BOMB, WHICH WAS INTENDED TO PRESERVE THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AS IT WAS AT THE TIME–
--INSTEAD TRIGGERED VOLCANIC REACTIONS WHICH SENT BILLIONS OF TONS OF ASH AND DIRT INTO THE ATMOSPHERE!
SONIC! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT HE'S SAYING?
THIS IS WHAT IS KNOWN IN CURRENT ECHIDNA THEOLOGY AS THE FIRST DAY OF FURY!
CAN'T TALK, LI'L BUDDY!
I'M A BIT ALL CHOKED UP RIGHT NOW!
KLIK!
STOP
--AND I NEED A BRAKE!
UNHAPPY LANDINGS, YOU SECOND-RATE WANNA-BE!


IN ADDITION, BESIDES TRIGGERING THE DEVOLUTION OF HOMO SAPIENS, THE BOMB ACCELERATED THE EVOLUTION OF WHAT WAS ONCE REFERRED TO AS THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.
WHUUMPH!
THIS PROCESS LASTED FOR WELL OVER A THOUSAND YEARS UNTIL THE SUN FINALLY BURNED THROUGH THE LAST OF THE ASH AND DIRT IN THE ATMOSPHERE.*
*AS RE-COUNTED IN TAILS #3.
IT WAS AT THIS JUNCTURE, DURING ONE OF HIS INFREQUENT FORAYS FROM THE LIFE CELL CHAMBER, THAT KINTOBOR ADDED HISTORICAL EVENTS TO THE LIST OF SCIENTIFIC DATA I WAS TO COLLECT.
GOTTA TURN THE VOLUME DOWN BEFORE SHAD GETS A FIX ON ME!
WHY-OH-WHY DOES TAILS THINK WE NEED A HISTORY LESSON NOW, OF ALL TIMES?
AS VARIOUS SOCIETIES BEGAN TO EMERGE AND DEVELOP, A SECOND CATACLYSM ERUPTED BENEATH THE PLANET'S SURFACE–
LEVEL 3
SONIC! SHADOW'S GETTING UP!
--AND HE'S HEADING YOUR WAY!
–AS THE BERYL DEPOSITS REACTED TO THE ENERGY OF THE GENE BOMB AS IT WAS ABSORBED OVER TIME
SONIC!!!
HE'S-- HE'S NOT THERE!


AS EMERALDS ARE CRYSTALS OF THE MINERAL BERYL, THE CONDITIONS WERE PERFECT FOR THE CREATION OF THE POWER SOURCE NOW DESIGNATED AS CHAOS EMERALDS.
TAILS, ARE YOU RECORDING ALL OF THIS?
GOOD QUESTION! THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RECORDERS CONNECTED TO THE SYSTEM--
--BUT WHAT ABOUT SONIC?
HE AND SHADOW ARE ABOUT TO SQUARE OFF!
YOU WERE ABLE TO LEARN ALL THIS FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT HERE?
AT VARIOUS TIMES, I WAS PROGRAMMED TO VENTURE FORTH AND COLLECT DATA.
I RECORDED THE FIRST CONQUEST BY THE CREATURE KNOWN AS MAMMOTH MOGUL TEN MILLENNIA AGO--
--AS WELL AS THE BEGINNINGS OF ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION--
--TO SAY NOTHING OF ATTENDING THE CORONATION OF THE FIRST KING TO SIT ON THE THRONE OF ACORN!
DID YOU EVER CROSS PATHS WITH MY CREATOR?
TO DATE, THE ANSWER IS NO
TO DO SO WOULD EXCEED THE PARAMETERS OF MY PROGRAMMING
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HEDGEHOG, SHADOW?

SONIC WENT THROUGH HERE--
--BUT THE DOOR SLID SHUT RIGHT AFTER HIM!
THEN HE IS DOOMED.
YOU DON'T KNOW SONIC AS WELL AS I!
IF THERE'S A WAY OUT, HE'LL FIND IT.
GIVE IT UP, SONIC!
SHOW YOURSELF SO WE CAN TALK!
THWUMPF
WHAT ARE YOU MADE OF?
A BRICK WALL?
I DON'T GET ANY OF THIS!
WHY ALL THE HASSLE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
SOME SECRETS WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE DISCOVERED.
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, HEDGEHOG--

--YOU'VE STUMBLED ONTO THE MOST FATAL SECRET OF ALL.
TITAN GX
RRUUMMBLLL!
The countdown is now on for...
ARMAGEDDON!
You won't want to miss it!

"PLAYING AROUND"
STARRING
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
HOW COME ROBOTNIK HAS NEVER FOUND THIS PLACE?
BECAUSE THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE A STORY, SILLY!
HURRY, CHILDREN! LET'S FIND OUR SEATS!
I'M GONNA SIT RIGHT UP FRONT!
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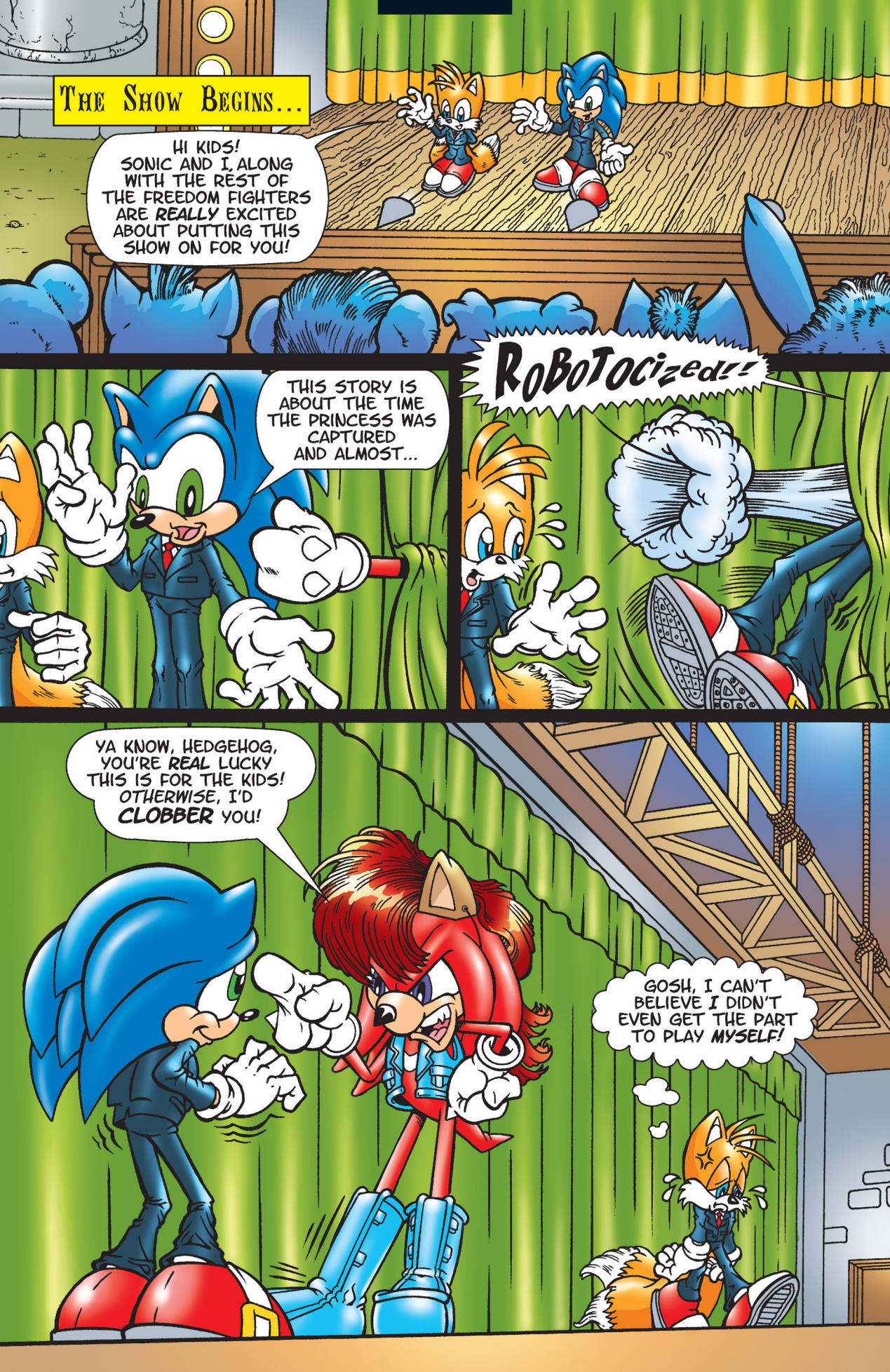
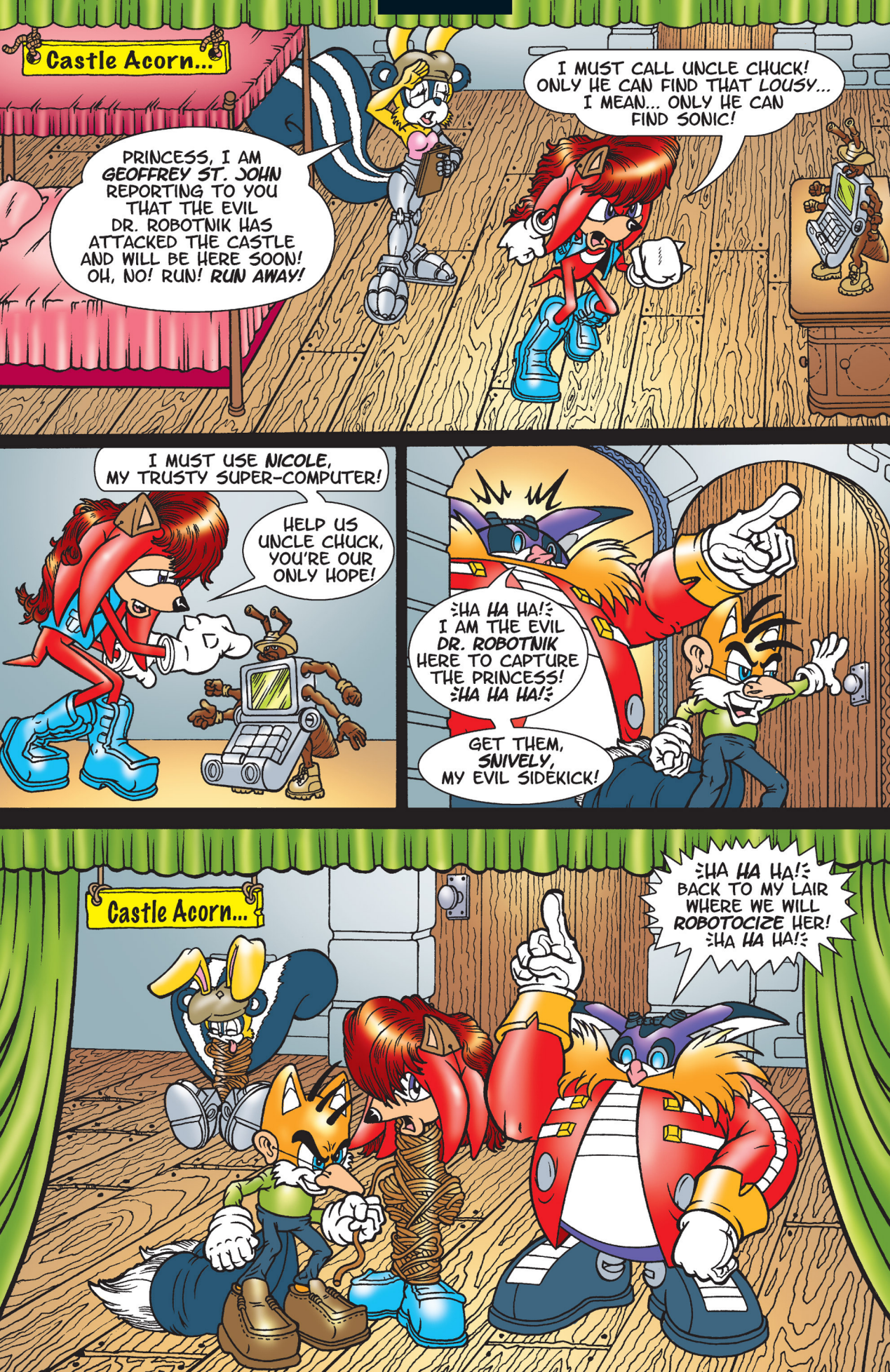
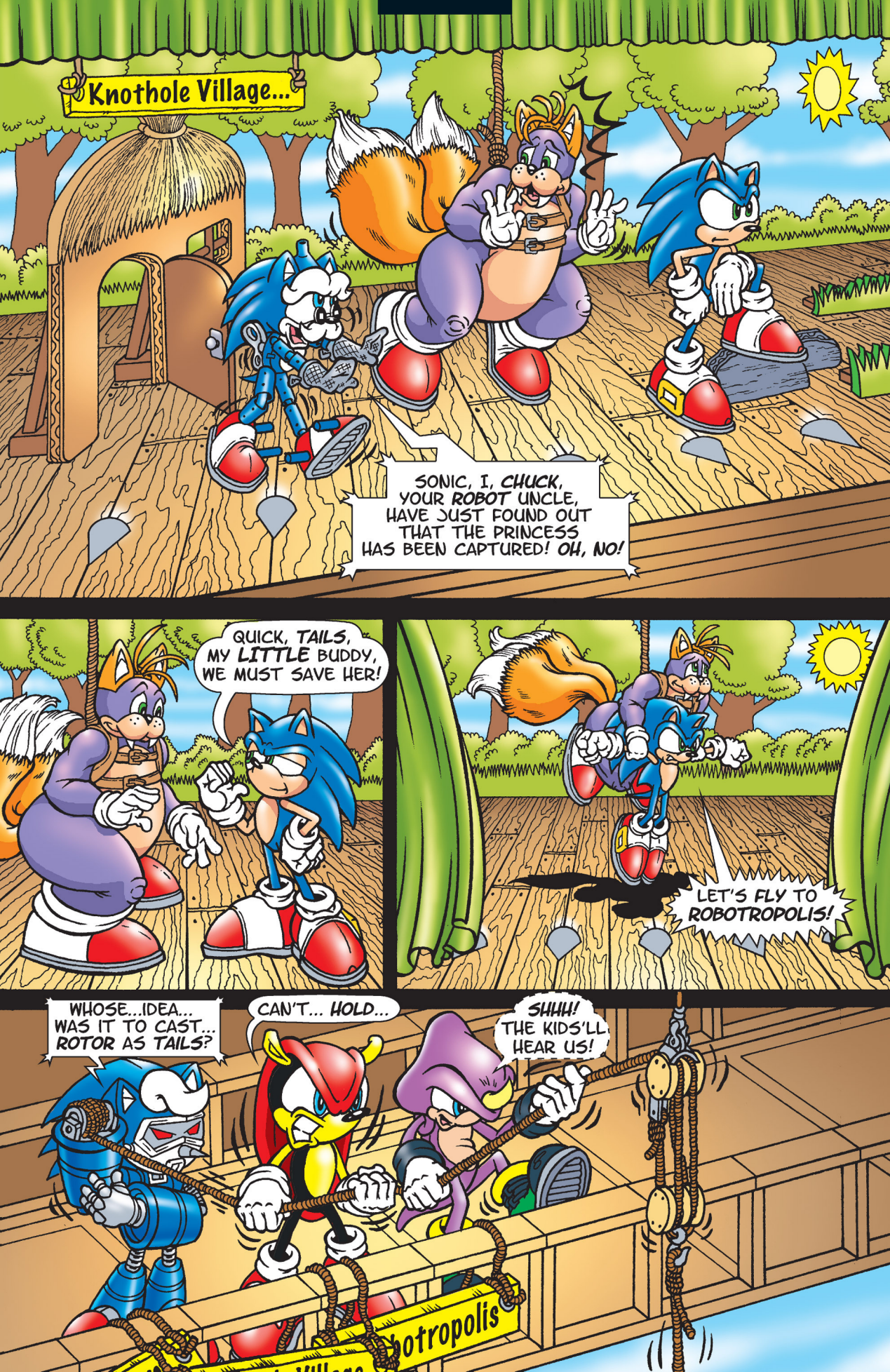
SINCE WE'RE EARLY WE CAN SIT IN THE FIRST RO...
OH, GOOD EVENING YOUR HIGHNESS!

PRINCESS, IF YOU'RE HERE, WHO IS GOING TO BE YOU UP THERE?
:HEH! HEH!: I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.


THE SHOW BEGINS...
HI KIDS! SONIC AND I, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT PUTTING THIS SHOW ON FOR YOU!
THIS STORY IS ABOUT THE TIME THE PRINCESS WAS CAPTURED AND ALMOST...
ROBOTOCIZED!!
YA KNOW, HEDGEHOG, YOU'RE REAL LUCKY THIS IS FOR THE KIDS! OTHERWISE, I'D CLOBBER YOU!
GOSH, I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T EVEN GET THE PART TO PLAY MYSELF!


Castle Acorn...
PRINCESS, I AM GEOFFREY ST. JOHN REPORTING TO YOU THAT THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK HAS ATTACKED THE CASTLE AND WILL BE HERE SOON! OH, NO! RUN! RUN AWAY!
I MUST CALL UNCLE CHUCK! ONLY HE CAN FIND THAT LOUSY... I MEAN... ONLY HE CAN FIND SONIC!
I MUST USE NICOLE, MY TRUSTY SUPER-COMPUTER!
HELP US UNCLE CHUCK, YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE!
:HA HA HA!: I AM THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK HERE TO CAPTURE THE PRINCESS! :HA HA HA!:
GET THEM, SNIVELY, MY EVIL SIDEKICK!
Castle Acorn...
:HA HA HA!: BACK TO MY LAIR WHERE WE WILL ROBOTOCIZE HER! :HA HA HA!:


Knothole Village...
SONIC, I, CHUCK, YOUR ROBOT UNCLE, HAVE JUST FOUND OUT THAT THE PRINCESS HAS BEEN CAPTURED! OH, NO!
QUICK, TAILS, MY LITTLE BUDDY, WE MUST SAVE HER!
LET'S FLY TO ROBOTROPOLIS!
WHOSE...IDEA... WAS IT TO CAST... ROTOR AS TAILS?
CAN'T... HOLD...
SHHH! THE KIDS'LL HEAR US!
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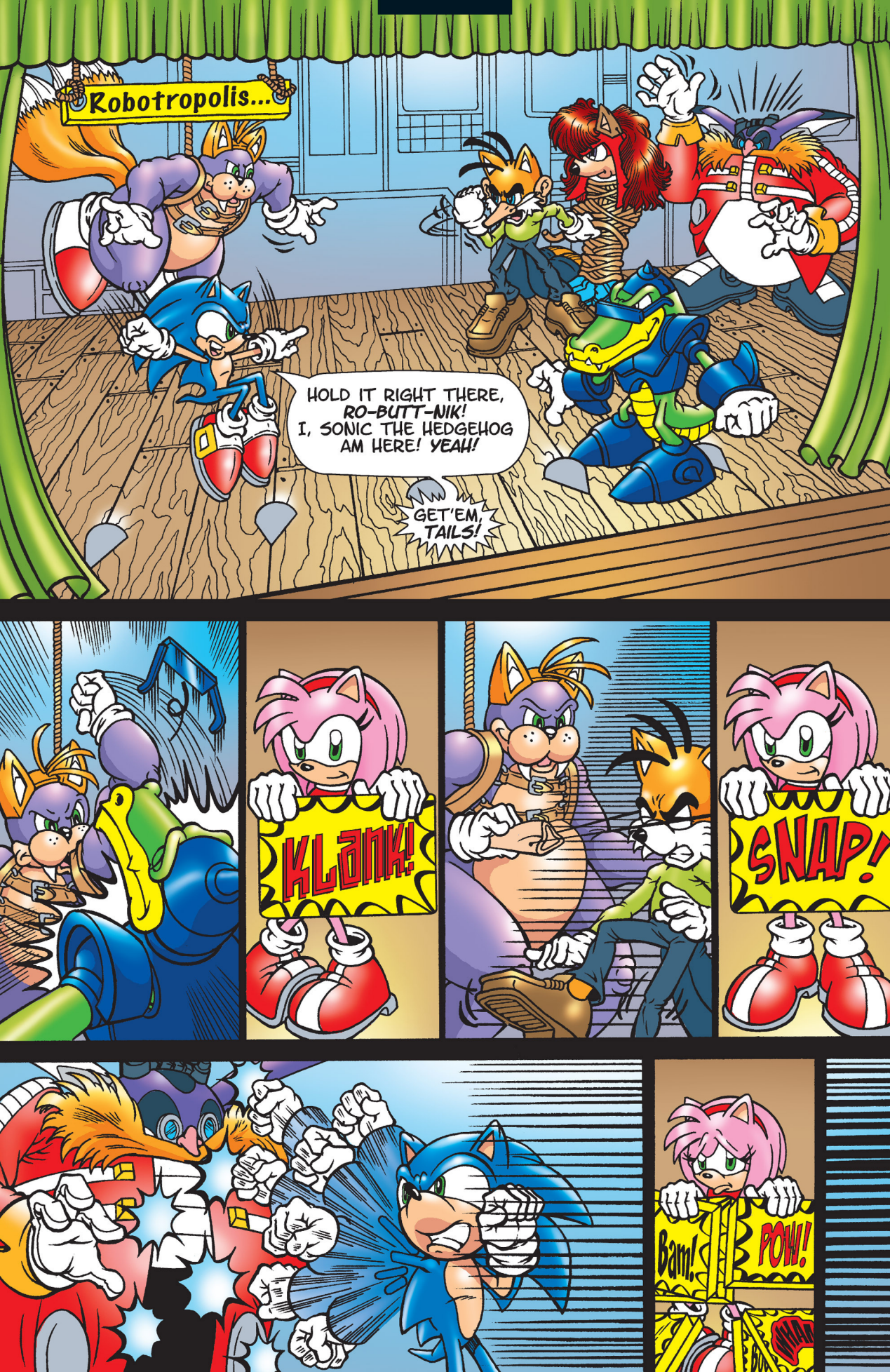
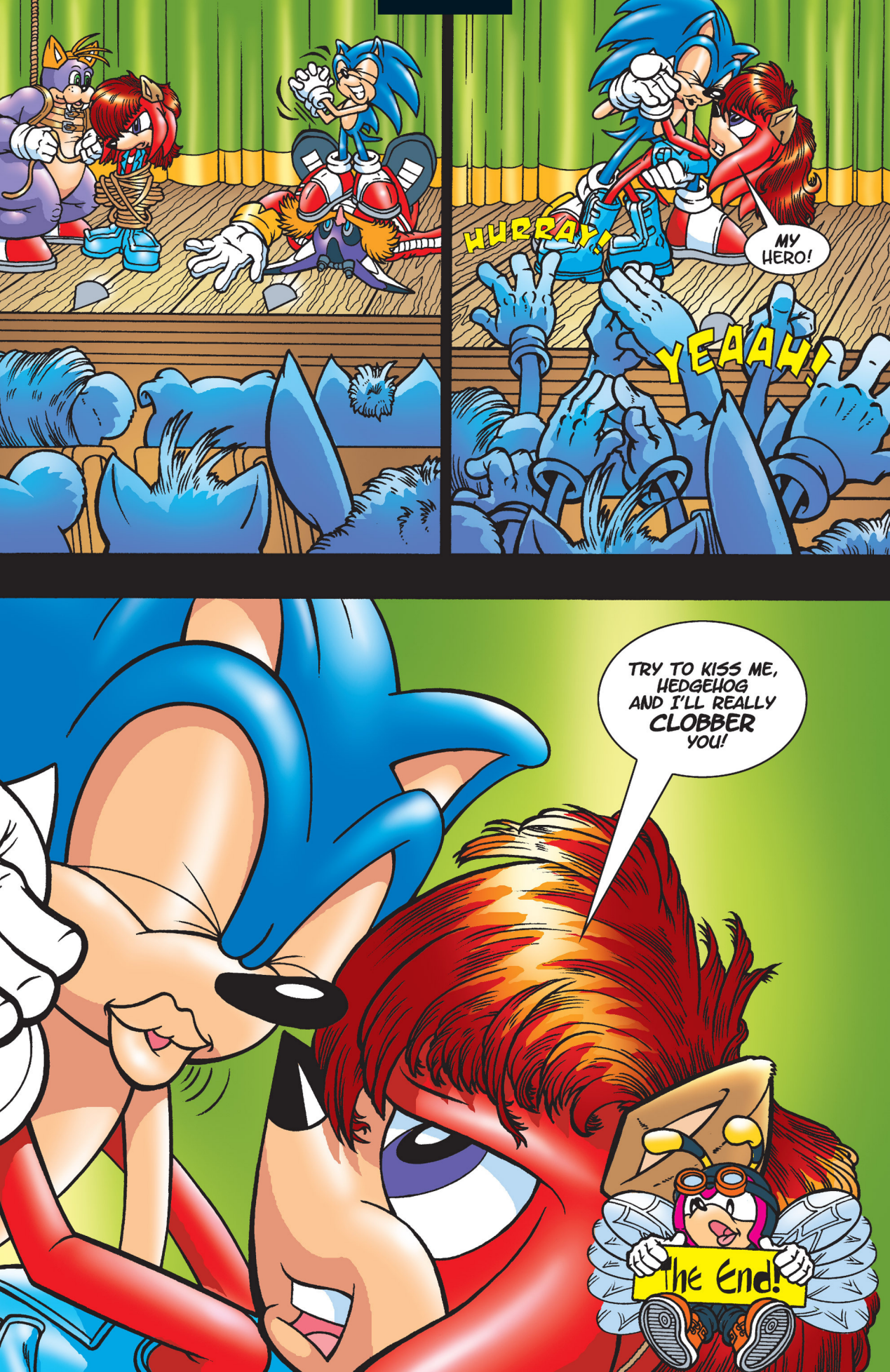

Robotropolis...
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, RO-BUTT-NIK! I, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AM HERE! YEAH!
GET 'EM, TAILS!
KLANK!
SNAP!
Bam!
POW!


HURRAY!
MY HERO!
YEAAH!
TRY TO KISS ME, HEDGEHOG AND I'LL REALLY CLOBBER YOU!
The End!

TAILS DESTINY'S CHILD
LET'S SEE-- SONIC GOT HIS PARENTS BACK!
AND SALLY DID, TOO.
AND MINA'S MOM EVEN RETURNED!
SO HOW COME MY PARENTS CAN'T COME BACK?
IT JUST ISN'T FAIR!
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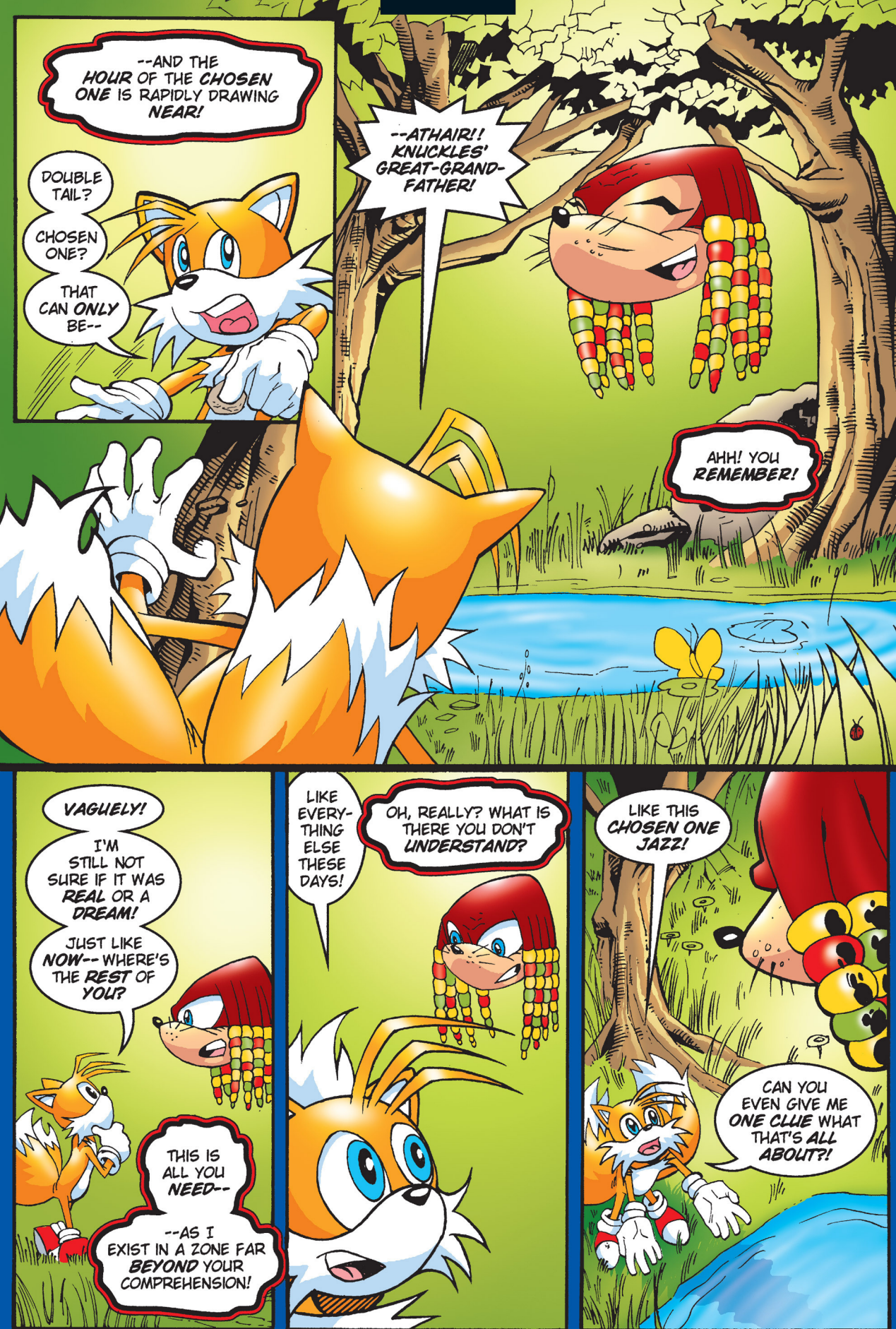
I MEAN-- WHAT DO THE BEMS STILL NEED THEM FOR?
AND HOW COME NOBODY TALKS ABOUT BRINGING THEM HOME?
ISN'T THAT MORE IMPORTANT THAN FIGHTING ROBOTNIK OR ANYTHING ELSE WE DO AROUND HERE?
TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, DOUBLE TAIL--


--AND THE HOUR OF THE CHOSEN ONE IS RAPIDLY DRAWING NEAR!
DOUBLE TAIL?
CHOSEN ONE?
THAT CAN ONLY BE--
--ATHAIR!! KNUCKLES' GREAT-GRAND-FATHER!
AHH! YOU REMEMBER!
VAGUELY!
I'M STILL NOT SURE IF IT WAS REAL OR A DREAM!
JUST LIKE NOW-- WHERE'S THE REST OF YOU?
THIS IS ALL YOU NEED--
--AS I EXIST IN A ZONE FAR BEYOND YOUR COMPREHENSION!
LIKE EVERY-THING ELSE THESE DAYS!
OH, REALLY? WHAT IS THERE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND?
LIKE THIS CHOSEN ONE JAZZ!
CAN YOU EVEN GIVE ME ONE CLUE WHAT THAT'S ALL ABOUT?!

I MEAN-- YOU WERE THE FIRST TO SAY I WAS THE CHOSEN ONE--
--IN THE MYSTIC CAVES OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS...*
PLEASE... YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN! THE ANCIENT WALKERS WISH TO COMMUNE...
TALK TO A BUNCH OF STATUES?
*AS SEEN IN THE THIRD ISSUE OF THE CLASSIC TAILS MINI-SERIES.
DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE?
UH--YEAH! SOMETHING ABOUT A GREAT HARMONY AFTER THE CHOSEN ONE GATHERS THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
DID THAT MAKE ANY SENSE?!
EVERY SYLLABLE!
BUT IT IS NOT I WHO NEEDS TO COMPREHEND ITS MEANING!
WHY DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO BE SO CRYPTIC?!!
LIKE THE TIME SONIC, KNUCKLES AND I FACED OFF AGAINST MAMMOTH MOGUL--*
WHO SAID I WOULD BE THE GREATEST CHAMPION OF MY TIME!
HOW COME EVERYONE KNOWS THAT BUT ME?
*OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WAY BACK IN SONIC #56.

NOT EVERYONE, DOUBLE TAIL--
JUST THOSE WHO'VE READ THE ANCIENT PROPHECIES!
I MUST HAVE MISSED THOSE IN CLASS!
ONLY THE MOST DEVOUT OF PRACTITIONERS EVER LEARN--
--SUCH AS YOUR UNCLE, MERLIN PROWER!
UNCLE? I HAVE AN UNCLE?
SINCE WHEN?
SINCE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN!
HE HAS ALWAYS KNOWN OF YOUR COMING--
--AS WELL AS YOUR DESTINY!
MERLIN WOULD HAVE EXPLAINED ALL HAD HE BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE--
BUT WHEN I SOUGHT HIM OUT AFTER YOU WERE GRIEVOUSLY INJURED DURING MORTAL COMBAT WITH KNUCKLES--*
--THE ENTITY KNOWN AS MAMMOTH MOGUL TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A LAPSE ON MY PART--
--AND SUBSTITUTED A DOPPELGANGER IN YOUR PLACE WHILE HE USURPED YOUR LATENT POWER!**
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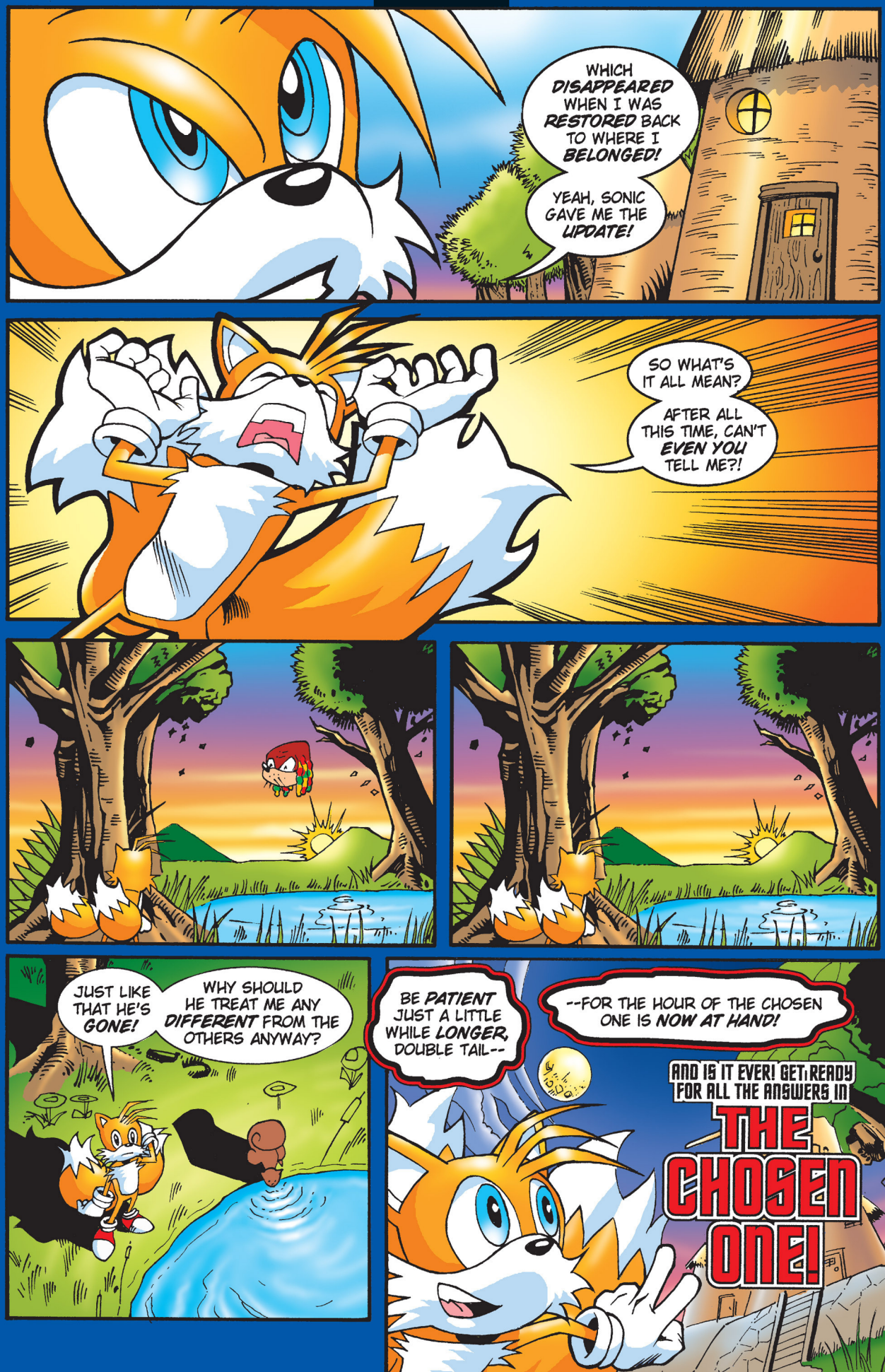
WHICH DISAPPEARED WHEN I WAS RESTORED BACK TO WHERE I BELONGED!
YEAH, SONIC GAVE ME THE UPDATE!
SO WHAT'S IT ALL MEAN?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, CAN'T EVEN YOU TELL ME?!
JUST LIKE THAT HE'S GONE!
WHY SHOULD HE TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS ANYWAY?
BE PATIENT JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER, DOUBLE TAIL--
--FOR THE HOUR OF THE CHOSEN ONE IS NOW AT HAND!
AND IS IT EVER! GET READY FOR ALL THE ANSWERS IN
THE CHOSEN ONE!